

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 171

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A RESOLUTION to recognize the Tennessee Limousin Breeders Association for its service to cattle breeders, farm families, and the good people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those organizations that, through their extraordinary efforts, have improved the quality of life for the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Limousin Breeders Association (TLBA) is one such estimable institution; since being founded, this coalition's efforts have resulted in countless improvements and innovations for Tennessee's cattle breeders; and

WHEREAS, due to its unwavering commitment to improving the economic and social well-being of Tennessee's cattle breeders, the Tennessee Limousin Breeders Association has experienced tremendous success and growth; and

WHEREAS, to meet this purpose, the Association maintains numerous programs, services, and outreaches that are all designed to benefit the farm families of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, always conscious of the needs of its members, the TLBA promotes the sharing of fellowship and agricultural expertise among the farm families and future farmers who will be providing much of our state's food supply for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Limousin Breeders Association promotes Limousin genetics by advertising the commercial value of easy calving, fast growing, heavy muscled, lean cows and bulls crossed with Tennessee's primarily Angus-based herd; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the advent of health consciousness throughout the Nation, coupled with the necessity to maximize pounds produced per acre, Tennessee's cattle breeders

have accordingly selected the Limousin as The Continental Breed of Choice for use as terminal sires; and

WHEREAS, because they sire low birth weight, high weaning weight calves, Limousin have quickly become the third largest registered breed in America; and

WHEREAS, Limousin-influenced cattle convert feed more efficiently than any other breed and dress-out at a higher percentage than other cattle; and

WHEREAS, because of its tender, relatively fat-free meat, husbandry ease, and economic traits, the Limousin will continue to be the premier terminal sire of choice with cattlemen in the South; and

WHEREAS, while promoting the benefits of using Limousin-influenced cattle, the Tennessee Limousin Breeders Association has established itself as a leading state breeders association; it is an outstanding agency to which other such organizations should look upon as a model of excellence; and

WHEREAS, the TLBA sponsors events such as the Annual Field Day, where cattle people can gather, hear guest speakers, judge good cattle, exchange information, and generally enjoy the ambiance of meeting like-minded agriculturalists; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the promotion and success of its member breeders, the TLBA stages regular, annual sales, including one held during Tennessee Agribition, through which members can exhibit and sell their cattle to a wide range of buyers from this and surrounding states; and

WHEREAS, the Junior members of TLBA enjoy great fellowship and competition in the show ring as a result of the TLBA's support of events for young people in which they can participate in raising, caring for, and showing Limousin influenced cattle, from local county shows to the National Junior Heifer Show; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Limousin Breeders Association is particularly proud to host the National Junior Heifer Show in Murfreesboro, which will take place during the week of July 17 through July 23, 2005 on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Tennessee Limousin Breeders Association has established itself as a vital component of our State's agricultural community; the Association has

provided the highest level of invaluable service to Tennesseans and has played a key role in the development of the high quality of life enjoyed by the people of this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join the leadership and member families of the Tennessee Limousin Breeders Association in recognizing and commending the good work of the Association and honor these dedicated cattle breeders for their admirable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.